

\$10,000 To Be Spent To Increase Capacity Of STEEL PLANT

RE-MODELING OF THE BIG PLANT IS IN PROGRESS

Blaw Collapsible Steel Centering Company Has Appropriated \$10,000.00 for Improvements and Equipment.

MAKING CHANGES IN THE INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT

The First Step in Plans which Will Make the Plant One of the Largest in the State.

Ten thousand dollars will be expended in increasing the capacity of the Blaw Collapsible Steel Centering Company's plant in Reynoldsville within the next few weeks.

This is the generous Christmas gift of the owners of the "steel plant" to the town of Reynoldsville. After ten months of continuous operation of the plant as they bought it, they found the present capacity of the plant unequal to the demands of their business and unfitted to the rapid execution of the orders which their contracts demand. To remedy the first defect, the management will install a large quantity of new machinery; to overcome the second, orders have been issued for a complete overhauling and re-modeling of the plant.

The work of re-arranging the machinery commenced last Friday and is now in full progress. To allow the work to proceed without interruption, fifty men were given holiday vacation, all of whom will be back after the first of the year. When they return, it will be to work in practically new shops. Much of the heavy machinery, including the punches, now in the lower shop, will be moved to the upper shop, while its place in the lower will be taken by new apparatus especially built for the work.

A large addition is now being made to the end of the upper shop, which will permit the company to double the boiler room and power plant. Later on it is the intention of the company to construct around the buildings and over its acreage a private industrial railroad which will add greatly to the convenience of handling the heavy steel centers in the yard.

The company has made public but few of its plans regarding the local plant, but it is the general belief of those in closest touch with the head office that the present expenditure is the first step in plans for the building up of a plant in Reynoldsville which will some day employ from two to three times the present number of laborers, and make it eventually one of the largest steel working plants between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. It is understood that the company not only has large orders booked for 1911 delivery, but that the outlook for the future promises phenomenal growth. The company's position in the industrial world is peculiar in that they have a virtual monopoly, through ownership of basic patents, of the manufacture of an article which is just becoming known to the contractors of the world, and which, because of its economy and ease of

COUNTY SUPT. L. MAYNE JONES



Under whose direction one of the most successful teachers' institutes ever held in the county is now in progress.

The day sessions of the institute are free to all and the people are urged to come out and enjoy the rich program of entertainment and instruction provided. Morning sessions commence at nine o'clock, afternoon sessions at one-thirty. Tonight the International Girls will appear at 8:15, and Thursday night Ex-Governor E. W. Hoch, of Kansas. To the latter two admissions will be charged.

manipulation is destined to be used in almost every branch of concrete work. There are unlimited possibilities for expansion in the future, through the rapid increase of concrete construction and its use in ways never dreamed of a few years ago.

It is a healthy sign of the solidity of this company that there does not seem to be a man in its employ from the highest officials down to the errand boys around the shops who is not enthusiastic over the outlook and absolutely confident that in securing it, Reynoldsville gained one of the most promising industrial plants in the United States. It is noticeable, too, that from the commencement of operations the best of feeling has reigned between the management and the men employed. The company has found that all representations made to it before it purchased the plant were founded on fact, and has no reason to regret its decision to locate here. And on the other hand, the laborers have found the management at all times generous and considerate of their welfare, paying a fair wage and dealing liberally with them.

For the success of the local plant and the harmony that has reigned, credit is due to the present general manager, Howard B. Loxterman, and to the superintendents who had charge of the work, at first Percy L. Hursh and at present Charles Crates. All are gentlemen for whom the men have high respect, and who stand high in the esteem of the local people.

Lutheran Church.

It had been announced that there would be Christmas services in the Lutheran church Saturday evening of this week. This has been changed and the services will be held Sunday evening in the Reynoldsville church instead. In the afternoon Sunday there will be services at the Chestnut Grove Lutheran church.

Now Is the Time.

To have your overcoat cleaned, dyed or pressed at Dahler's dry cleaning establishment.

TEACHERS GET ROYAL WELCOME TO TOWN

Homes, Public Resorts and Club Rooms Thrown Open For Their Entertainment.

THE INSTITUTE IS NOW IN SESSION WITH A LARGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

The fifty-fifth annual session of the Jefferson County Teachers' Institute, which convened in the Adelphi Theatre at Reynoldsville Monday afternoon, is in many respects the most extraordinary in the records of that event. The people of Reynoldsville has long desired to have the institute held here and when their wish was granted they showed their appreciation by throwing open the homes, club rooms and resorts to the visiting teachers.

The attendance is very large this year, and the Adelphi was filled in every quarter when the curtain rolled up Monday at 1.45. The citizens of the town are deeply interested in the success of the event and contributed a large portion of the audience. The reception of the teachers during the morning was in charge of a committee of six ladies representing the Business Men's Association of Reynoldsville: Mrs. C. R. Hall, Mrs. J. W. Gillespie, Mrs. J. R. Milliren, Mrs. J. D. Williams and Mrs. J. C. Williams. From eight in the morning until the opening of the institute, a reception was held in the Elk club rooms, which had been opened for the free use of the teachers. Messenger boys had been provided and every teacher was sent to some place of entertainment with a little messenger.

At noon over three hundred and fifty teachers had been registered by Prof. Ross W. Clavages and all had found places of lodging at hotels or private homes.

The institute was called to order at 1.45, and opened with the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy," led by Prof. J. W. Yoder, of Juniata College. An invocation by Rev. J. F. Black, pastor of the Reynoldsville M. E. church followed. The singing of "My Country, 'tis of Thee," was followed by the address of welcome by Dr. J. C. Sayers, president of the Reynoldsville school board. Dr. Sayers delivered an excellent address, expressing the deep appreciation of the people of Reynoldsville for the honor shown them in bringing to the town the greatest educational event of the year, and extended in the name of the people, a most cordial welcome to all in attendance at the institute.

Hon. Henry Houck was to have made the response, but was prevented by a meeting of an important state committee at Harrisburg, from appearing. His place was taken by Prof. L. Mayne Jones, the county superintendent, and the latter delivered an address that was eloquent in its expression of appreciation for the warmth of the reception tendered the teachers. Prof. Jones then sounded the keynote of the institute in an appeal for the introduction into the schools of branches which would do more than merely fit a few for professions. He pointed out that while ten per cent remain to finish the high school courses, the ninety per cent drop out because of the lack of that which would fit them for the ordinary vocations of life. To those who are familiar with the work of Prof. Jones to have the study of agriculture and manual training introduced into Jefferson county schools, his address was filled with deep meaning.

After the address of Prof. Jones, Prof. Yoder put the teachers through a twenty minute drill in music that

did much to break the formality of the occasion and enthuse the audience.

The main address of the afternoon was given by Dr. Charles Calvert Ellis, professor of English in Juniata College at Huntingdon, Pa. Dr. Ellis is a young man with the wisdom of a sage and the heart of a boy. His lecture, "Being a Boy," was one of the finest things ever provided for a county institute. Clear, sane and eloquent, he presented the psychology of boy nature in a way that could not but be helpful to every teacher present.

The session closed with two selections by Miss Jeannette Kling, an elocutionist and reader from Cleveland. She is a past master of her art and was loudly encored.

THE DUDLEY-BUCK COMPANY.

The Hinchaw Grand Opera Company, billed to appear Monday night, cancelled their engagement at the last moment and it was necessary to substitute for them the Dudley-Buck Company. The new company was in every respect as good as the Hinchaw troupe and when the concert was over there was little regret for the change. The ladies who composed this company are musicians of the highest type, giving a program of vocal selections, singly, in duets, trios and quartettes, with classical and popular airs, that charmed all. They were loudly encored and generously gave a number of extra numbers.

TUESDAY SESSIONS.

Sociality characterized the session of the institute Tuesday. The teachers had gained a good acquaintance with each other and merriment was more common than on the opening day. The opening sessions at nine o'clock found the auditorium of the Adelphi filled with a fair number of towns people present.

Dr. A. J. Meek, pastor of Reynoldsville Baptist church, opened the exercises with the reading of a scripture lesson, followed by a prayer. Prof. Yoder took the lead in singing the "Airs of Chorus," a swinging tune with a catchy refrain, and in ten minutes had the teachers warmed up to the day's work.

At the close of the singing Prof. L. M. Jones introduced Miss Jeannette Kling, the reader, and for a half hour she entertained and instructed the audience with an interpretation of the role of Queen Catherine, in Shakespeare's Henry VIII, and the soliloquy of Hamlet and the pathetic scene with Ophelia. Miss Kling happily combines both entertainment and instruction of the most vital kind in giving the teachers a knowledge of effective delivery.

Following Miss Kling, Prof. C. P. Zaner expounded the principles of correct penmanship, giving actual illustrations and making plain the necessity of catering to the health of the child as well as the increasing of its skill. During the period of his talk, the primary teachers had gone to the public school building, and were addressed by Miss Beatrice Weller, an expert with the crayon and pencil. Later Miss Weller returned to the Adelphi and Mr. Zaner finished the morning session at the school building.

HIGH SCHOOL SECTION.

The high school section met in the public school building Monday morning. The session was called to order by Prof. W. M. Rife, of Reynoldsville. Dr. Ellis discussed the subject of the relation of the "School and State," explaining what is involved in training children for citizenship and what forces work specifically to that purpose. In relation to this Dr. Ellis touched upon the necessity of teaching the children to read and to use discrimination in the selection

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THRILLING RIDE ON TROLLEY CAR LAST SUNDAY

Car Gets Beyond Control and The Passengers Get a Fast Ride.

A score of Reynoldsville and Sykesville people enjoyed the most thrilling ride of their careers about five o'clock Sunday afternoon, when a trolley car on the Reynoldsville and Sykesville line got beyond control and went bounding merrily along for three-quarters of a mile until it struck the sharp turn in the line at Smith's hotel, in the borough, and jumped the track to plough its way across the street, through a high board fence and on into a field several hundred feet beyond, where the wheels sunk in the ground and the car stopped safely.

Motorman Irvin Haymaker was in charge and had much difficulty piloting the car all day, on account of the ice on rails and wire. Going up the Soldier hill was difficult, and shortly after passing the crest he noticed that the brakes failed to work. The grade becomes very steep thereafter and down this the car plunged at its own will, rounding the curves with a jolly jolt that soon made the passengers aware of their danger. Consternation reigned on board but the speed was too great to jump. After passing the park a slight grade checked the momentum of the car a little and several of the gentlemen on board sought safety by jumping. None of them were hurt.

Those who stayed with the car and knew the right angled curve at Smith's hotel held their breath in terror, awaiting a general smash. But the car, when it struck the curve, gave a slight zig-zag lurch and sped on across the street, ploughing its way through ice and snow, ramming into and crushing a high board fence, and finally came to a stop in a field several hundred feet below the street. It was a most exciting trip, but no one was really injured. Several of the ladies on board were on the verge of nervous prostration before the end came, but forgot their fright in the joy of escaping what seemed approaching death for all.

It is to the credit of Conductor Thomas McDonald and Motorman Irvin Haymaker that both stuck to their places and did all in their power to check the speed of the car and allay the fright of the passengers.

The car was slightly damaged, but was not put out of commission. As soon as it can be hauled back to its place on the tracks and a few repairs made to the power plant, it will be ready for service again.

Great Magazine Office.

Buy your magazines in clubs and save money. For each club order in which the American Magazine is one of the club, I will make a present of a Webster's New Illustrated Dictionary free, if you order this week.

S. J. Burgoon, News Stand.

SILK MILL WILL BE SOLD BY THE SHERIFF FRIDAY, JANUARY 6.

Property of the American Silk Company of New Jersey Under Hammer.

The silk mill at Reynoldsville, the sole property of the American Silk Company of New Jersey, will be sold by Sheriff Galbraith Friday morning, January 6th, at the court house in Brookville. The sale was advertised by the sheriff last week.

This is the last act in the existence of the original company formed to build this mill eleven years ago. When the controlling interest in this company was purchased by the American Silk Company of New York three years ago, most of the Reynoldsville stockholders in the original company transferred their holdings into the new combination, though six or seven refrained from doing so. Those who have transferred their stock will lose nothing in this sale, since the new certificates issued entitle them to share in the general profits from all the mills of the company, and it is extremely improbable that the Reynoldsville mill will pass out of the hands of the American Silk Company of New York, at present.

A representative of the company who was in Reynoldsville recently stated that it was the wish of the company to clear the title of the local mill from all encumbrances, such as guaranteed dividends on the original stock, and that this sale was a step in that direction. It is their intention, as soon as they can get the title in shape, to sell the local mill to some other company and so, for the people of Reynoldsville the sale may be a good thing in that it will hasten the time when the mill will again operate.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

At a handsomely appointed luncheon, on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10th., Miss Cella Hager, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. Hager, of Braddeck, announced the engagement of Miss May Bowen, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., to Dr. Thomas F. Nolan, of Reynoldsville, Pa. The class of 1910 Seton Hill of Greensburg, with whom Miss Bowen graduated, was present. The decorations were carried out in the school colors, white and gold, and the favors were exquisite, little cups which helped to disclose the happy news in a most original manner. Dr. Nolan is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and a practicing physician of Reynoldsville. —Greensburg Daily Tribune.

"PLAYING THE PONIES."

Rehearsals Now in Progress and Every Actor is Enthusiastic.

Rehearsals for "Playing the Ponies," the farce that will be repeated at the Adelphi December 29th for the benefit of the Ferris family, are now in progress and the cast throughout will be the same as when it set the town wild a few months ago. Everyone should attend this time, not only because it is worth the cash to see Manager Geisler and his troupe, but because it will help restore a home that was utterly ruined by the fire fend.

Bert Hoffman Coming Home.

Bert A. Hoffman and wife, who have been in Puerto Rico several months, where Mr. Hoffman held a position in the U. S. civil service, will sail from that island December 28th and arrive in this country January 5th. The return is made on account of Mrs. Hoffman's health, physicians having warned her that a prolonged stay in that climate would be fatal to her. Mr. Hoffman was getting along well and enjoyed life on the island dependency.

Velvet shoes for women, price \$4.00, Adam's Boot Shop.